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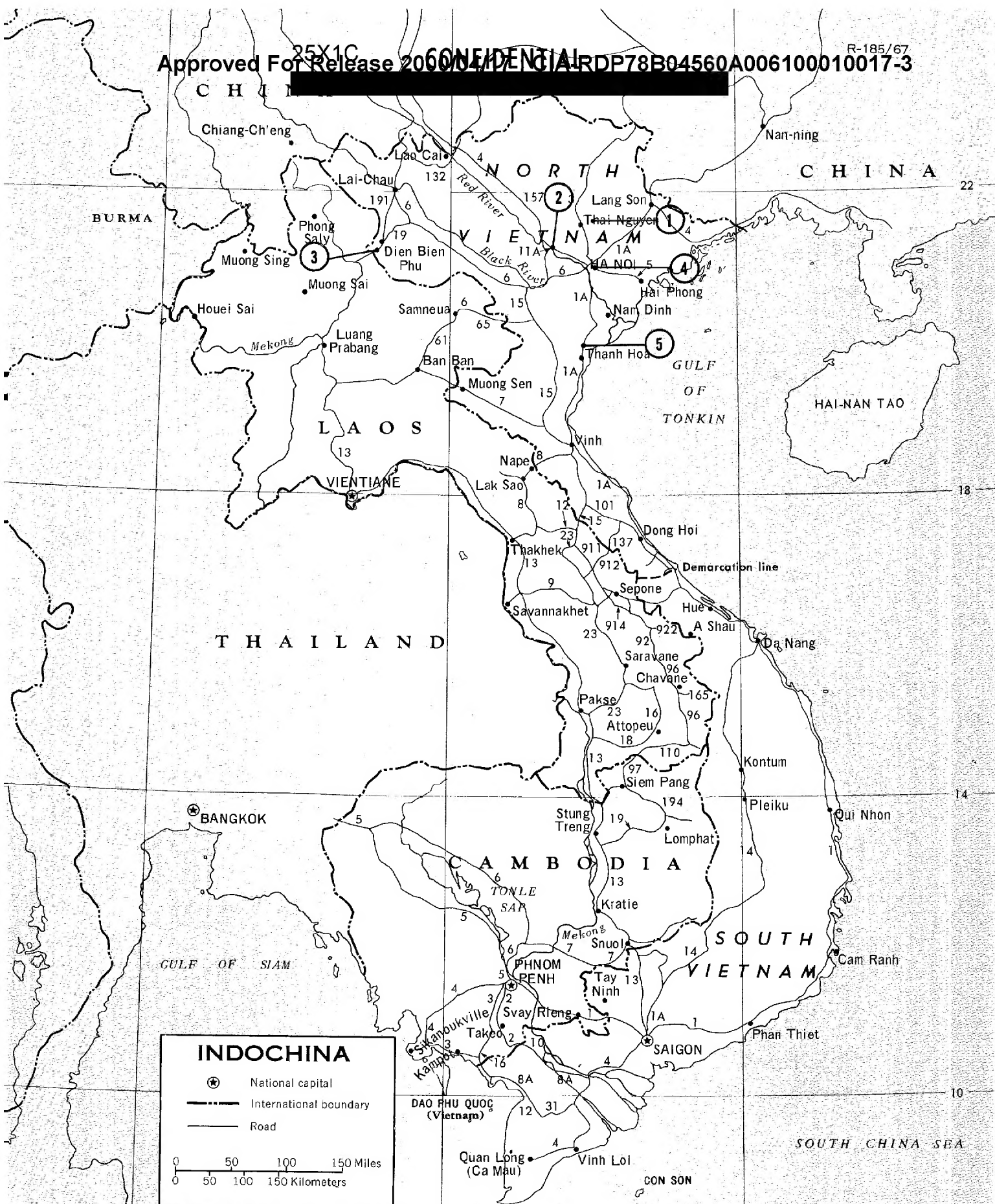
This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in southeast Asia as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. Those lines of communication and associated facilities which support communist insurgency in Laos and South Vietnam are emphasized.

Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC unless otherwise indicated.

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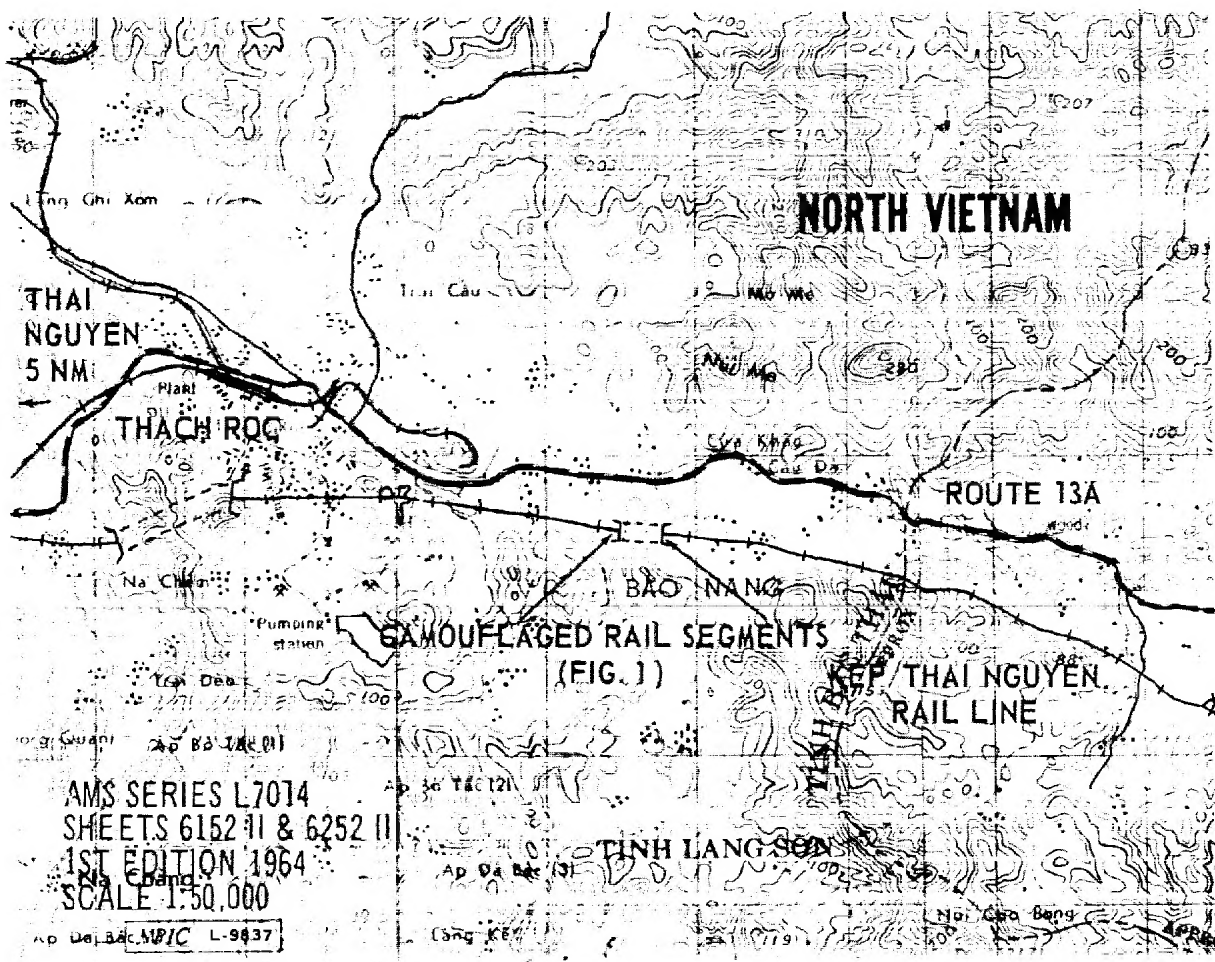
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1. Extended Railroad Tunnel, Kep/Thai Nguyen Rail Line, North Vietnam.

Efforts by the North Vietnamese to extend the length of a tunnel -- are observed for the first time on the standard-gauge Kep/Thai Nguyen Rail Line (Figure 1). A covered trellis extends approximately 120 feet from each entrance of a tunnel at 21-34-105-58. E

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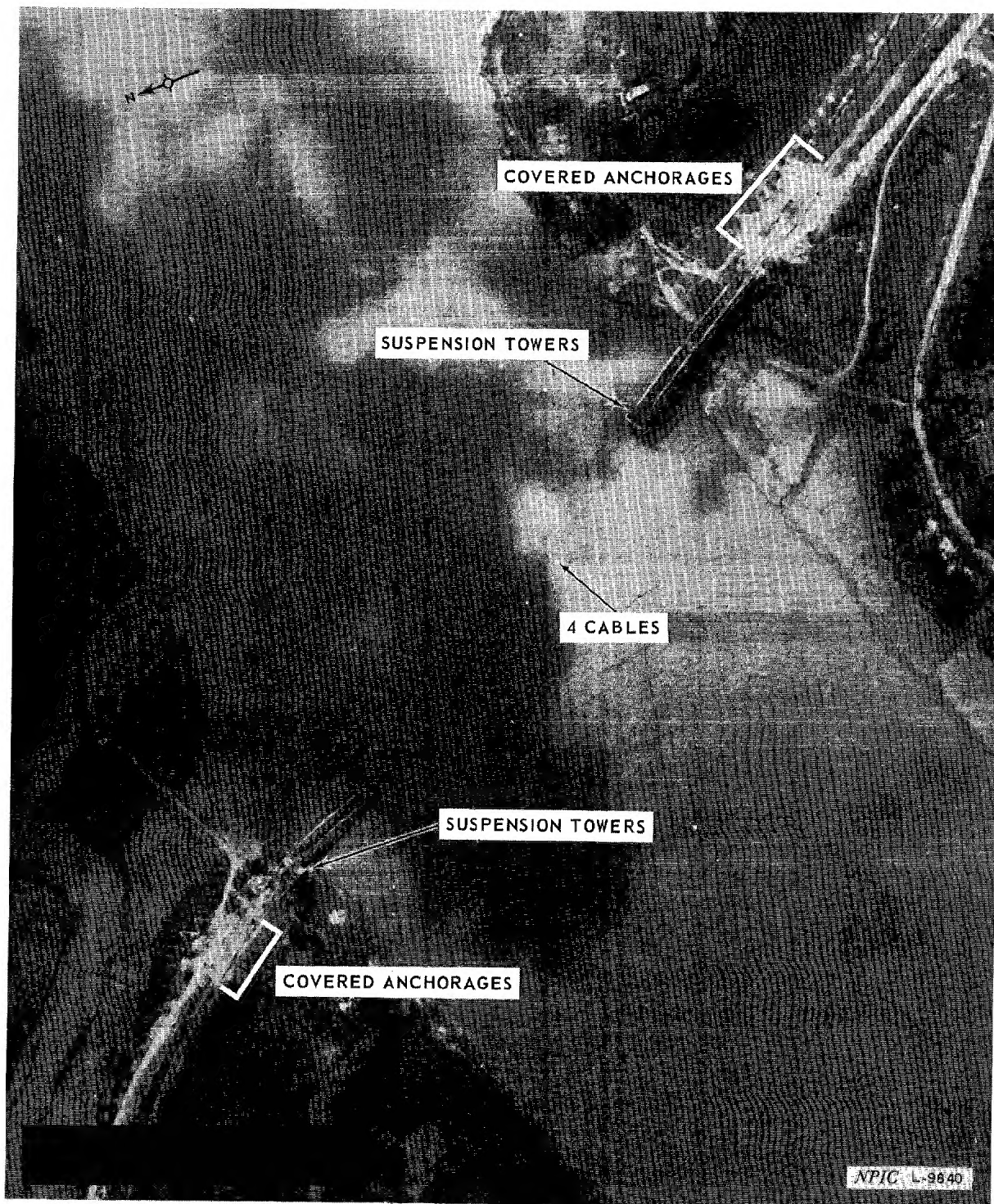


FIGURE 2. VIET TRI SUSPENSION BRIDGE, NORTH VIETNAM

3. Road Improvement, Route 19, North Vietnam

North Vietnam Route 19 is being extensively improved from Dien Bien Phu south-southwest toward the Laos/North Vietnam border. Approximately 150 personnel, 11 trucks/construction vehicles, and numerous piles of aggregate are observed from 21-16- [REDACTED] N 102-57- [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] to 21-15- [REDACTED] N 102-55- [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] (Figure 3). Two probable construction camps are located at 21-15- [REDACTED] N 102-56- [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] and 21-16- [REDACTED] N 102-56- [REDACTED] E [REDACTED]. Road construction continues on the Route 19 segment between Houay Chik and Sop At to approximately 21-06- [REDACTED] N 102-33- [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] and on Route 191 between Dien Bien Phu and Lai Chau (see Summary No. 57, Item 4).

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ROUTE 191 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

LAOS

DIEN BIEN PHU

ROAD IMPROVEMENT (FIG. 3)

ROUTE 19

NORTH VIETNAM

HOUAY CHIK

CONTINUED ROAD CONSTRUCTION

SOP AT

NAM OU (RIVER)



FIGURE 3. ROAD IMPROVEMENT, ROUTE 19, NORTH VIETNAM

4. Dual-gauge Railroad Track Extension, Ha Noi Area, North Vietnam

Recent construction on the Ha Noi-Lao Cai/Ha Noi-Ping Hsiang Rail Line indicates that the dual-gauge capability will be extended into Ha Noi and/or along the rail by-pass around Ha Noi to the south. Construction on the third rail, which extends from the standard-gauge Kep/Thai Nguyen Rail Line via Nguyen Khe, had proceeded southwest through the Yen Vien Classification Yard to a terminus at 21-04-N 105-54-E [REDACTED] as of [REDACTED] (Figure 4). Thus far, it is the only dual-gauge track in the meter-gauge classification yard. Covered stacks of probable rails are located near the terminus of construction.

The mile-long Doumer Bridge immediately northeast of Ha Noi is un-serviceable, forcing rail traffic along the by-pass and into Ha Noi via rail ferry. The recently completed rail ferry approaches at 20-59N 105-54E were constructed with standard-gauge ties, adding inference to the probability that dual-gauge construction will lead into Ha Noi. The rail road and highway bridge over the Canal Des Rapides is serviceable.

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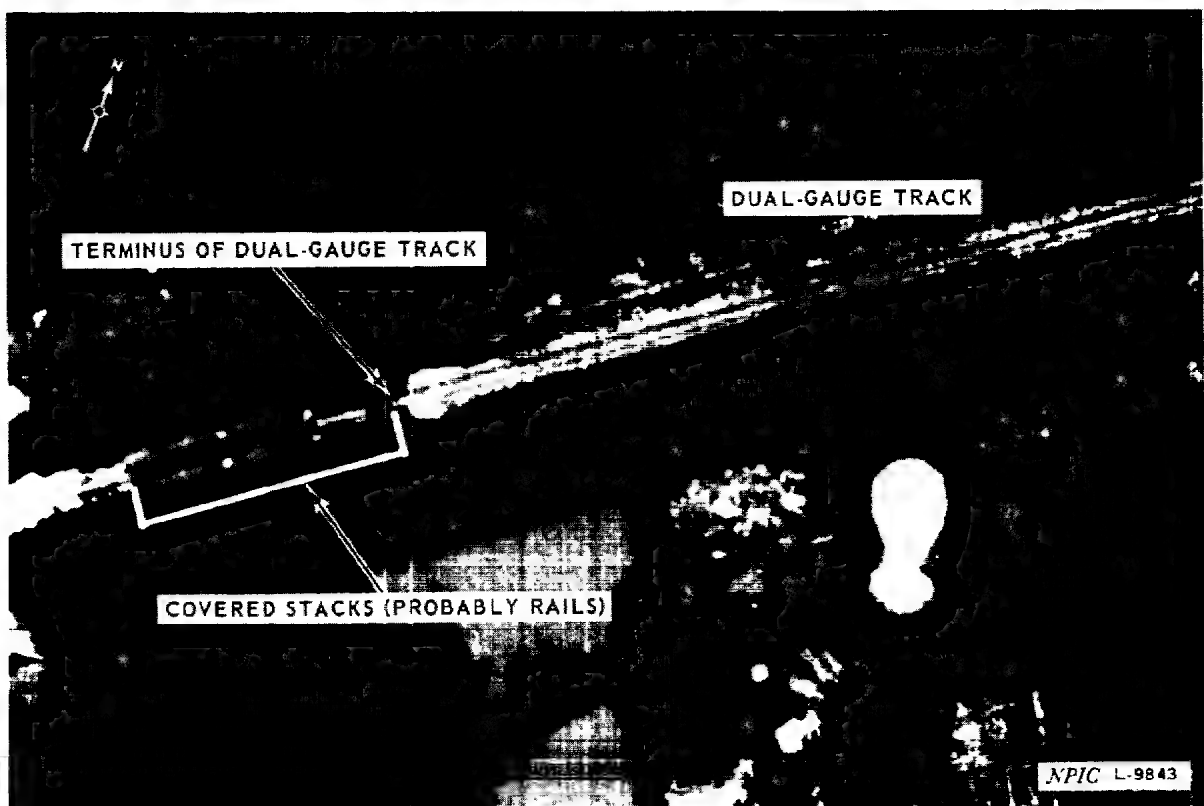


FIGURE 4. DUAL-GAUGE RAILROAD TRACK EXTENSION, HA NOI LAO CAI RAIL LINE, NORTH VIETNAM

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HA NOI/LAO CAI RAIL LINE  
(DUAL-GAUGE)

HA NOI/PING HSIANG RAIL LINE  
(METER GAUGE)

NORTH VIETNAM

YEN VIEN METER-GAUGE  
CLASSIFICATION YARD

RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE  
(SERVICEABLE)

UNSERVICEABLE BRIDGE

ABANDONED  
BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

SERVICEABLE  
RAIL FERRY

CANAL DES RAPIDES

RED RIVER

DOUMER BRIDGE  
(UNSERVICEABLE)

HA NOI/HAI PHONG RAIL LINE  
(METER GAUGE)

DOUMER BRIDGE BY-PASS  
(SERVICEABLE)

DUAL-GAUGE EXTENSION

ONLY RAIL LINES DEPICTED

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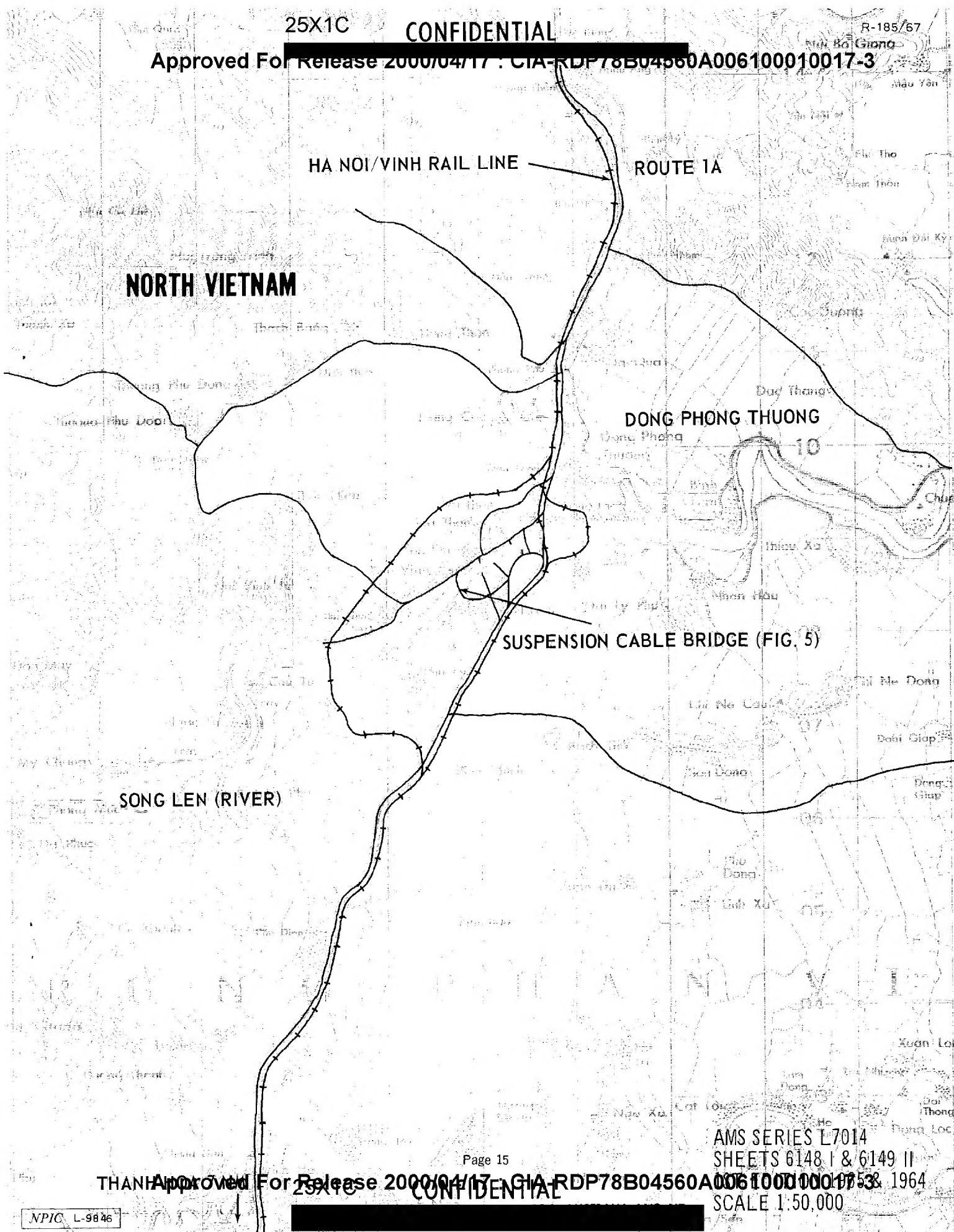


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